

Nursing Program

Special Admissions Procedures

Program information - 775-673-7115

The TMCC associate degree in nursing (ADN) program prepares the student to practice nursing as a registered nurse. Graduates of an ADN program usually practice as staff nurses in direct client care in hospitals, long-term care facilities, clinics and other agencies where nursing roles and services are structured and well developed. The TMCC nursing program meets the minimum degree requirements for the associate of applied science degree. The associate of applied science degree in nursing is awarded upon completion of the curriculum and the student will be eligible to apply to take the national NCLEX-RN examination leading to licensure as a Registered Nurse.

Nursing program graduates are eligible to apply for licensure in the state of their choice. Each state has specific criteria for licensure eligibility. It is the student's responsibility to contact the state to ascertain eligibility requirements. Each state board of nursing determines requirements for licensure. Graduation from an accredited program is only one of the requirements and does not mean automatic licensure as a nurse. The State of Nevada licensure application contains five questions which may impact the applicant's ability to obtain licensure. These five questions have to do with revocation, denial or suspension of a license or certificate, conviction of a criminal offense, problems with drug or alcohol use, treatment for mental illness and physical disability which could impair one's ability to practice nursing.

With the exception of NURS 212, Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care, which may be taken prior to enrollment, nursing courses are to be taken in the sequence outlined on the following page. General education support courses may be taken as outlined or prior to acceptance into the program. Because clinical experiences and/or theory courses may be scheduled during both day and evening hours, it is suggested that as many general education classes as possible be taken prior to acceptance into the program with the exception of required pre-requisites.

Background checks are a requirement of the clinical facilities with which Truckee Meadows Community College has a contract for nursing student clinical experience. If a student declines to provide a background check or if the background is unsatisfactory to the facility, the student will not be permitted to participate in the clinical portion of the program. Prospective students are advised that they will be withdrawn from the program if clinical requirements are not able to be met for any reason. TMCC will not be responsible for obtaining background checks and will not receive the results of any background investigations.

A student's progression in the ADN program is contingent upon attaining and maintaining a grade of "C" or better in the nursing curriculum.

Nursing students who are unable to progress from one course to another in the program have only one opportunity to re-enter within two years of exiting the program. All re-entry admissions are on a space available basis. Re-entry is not guaranteed. Upon the student's readmission, a committee will outline the necessary course work.

Admission Requirements

The pre-requisite courses, MATH 120 or 126, BIOL 223, 224, and 251 must be taken prior to application for admission to the nursing program. For specific admission requirements please see the information at: www.tmcc.edu/nursing/.

National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission

NLNAC maintains information on TMCC's nursing program. NLNAC's address is 61 Broadway, 33rd Floor, New York, NY 10006. The telephone number is 1-800-669-1656, the Web address is www.nlnac.org. Students may contact NLNAC directly.

Accreditation

The TMCC ADN program is approved by the Nevada State Board of Nursing and is accredited by the National League for Nursing Accrediting Commission (NLNAC). Students may contact the Nevada State Board of Nursing at 888-590-6726 or on the Web at www.nursingboard.state.nv.us/.

Nursing Degree

Associate of Applied Science

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Degree Outcomes

Students completing the degree will:

- Practice professional nursing behaviors, incorporating personal responsibility, values, and expectations of the profession and accountability for lifelong learning.
- Integrate knowledge of the diverse and holistic needs of the individual to safely implement the nursing process.
- Communicate professionally and effectively with individuals, significant support persons, and members of the interdisciplinary health care team.
- Manage care within the interdisciplinary healthcare team to advocate for positive individual and organizational outcomes.
- Incorporate informatics to formulate evidence-based clinical judgments and management decisions.

General Education Requirements

Diversity	(3 credits)
Required: NURS 212	
English/Communications	6 credits
Required: ENG 101 and 102 or ENG 113 and 114	
Human Relations	3 credits
Recommended: EPY 101	
Quantitative Reasoning	3 credits
Required: MATH 120 or higher	
Science	16 credits
Required: BIOL 190, 190L, 223, 224, 251 (BIOL 190/190L is prerequisite for BIOL 223 and BIOL 251)	
Social Science/Humanities	3 credits
Required: PSY 101	
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions	3 credits
Required: PSC 101	
Total General Education Requirements	34 Credits

Required Prerequisite Courses

These courses are required for the degree.

MATH 120	Fundamentals of College Mathematics.....	
(Meets Quantitative Reasoning)	(3)
BIOL 190/190L	Introduction to Cell and Molecular Biology/Laboratory	(4)
BIOL 223	Human Anatomy and Physiology I	(4)
BIOL 224	Human Anatomy and Physiology II	(4)
BIOL 251	General Microbiology	(4)

Required Prerequisite Courses Total	19 Credit
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Emphasis Requirements

All nursing courses must be taken in the sequence listed. A grade of "C" or better is required. Other courses may be taken out of sequence if allowed by college policy.

NURS 102	Professional Behaviors	2
NURS 138	Nursing Care I	8
NURS 170	Nursing Care 2	9
NURS 202	Nursing Care 3	8
NURS 209	Principles of Pathophysiology.....	3
NURS 212	Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care.....	3
NURS 274	Nursing Care 4	8

Total Emphasis Requirements	41 Credits
Total Degree Requirements	75 Credits

Suggested Course Sequence

Course #	Title	Credits
1st Semester		
Emphasis	NURS 102 Professional Behaviors	2
Emphasis	NURS 138 Nursing Care I	8
Emphasis/ Diversity	NURS 212 Cultural Aspects of Nursing Care	3
		Total 13
2nd Semester		
English	ENG 101 Composition I	3
Emphasis	NURS 170 Nursing Care 2	9
Emphasis	NURS 209 Principles of Pathophysiology	3
		Total 15
3rd Semester		
English	ENG 102 Composition II	3
Emphasis	NURS 202 Nursing Care 3	8
Social Science/ Humanities	PSY 101 General Psychology	3
		Total 14
4th Semester		
Human Relations	Elective Choose from recommended list	3
Emphasis	NURS 274 Nursing Care 4	8
U.S. and Nevada Constitutions	PSC 101 Introduction to American Politics	3
		Total 14
		Degree Total 75